

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 2 , line 13 and ending on Page 3, .line 3 with the following paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, an electric compressor has a compressor housing, a compression mechanism, an electric motor, an accommodating portion and a motor drive circuit. The compressor housing has a circumferential wall and a central axis and side walls projected from the circumferential wall:. The compression mechanism is arranged in the compressor housing for compressing fluid. The electric motor is operatively connected to the compression mechanism for driving the compression mechanism. The accommodating portion is ~~provided~~ integrally formed on an outer surface of the compressor housing at least partially with the projected side walls and defines an accommodating space. The inner surface of the accommodating space includes a bottom surface and a side surface. The bottom surface is defined as a radially inward surface of the inner surface ~~relative~~ proximal to the central axis. The side surface surrounds a periphery of the bottom surface. ~~the bottom and side surfaces are defined by the compressor housing.~~ The motor drive circuit is arranged in the accommodating space for driving the electric motor.